



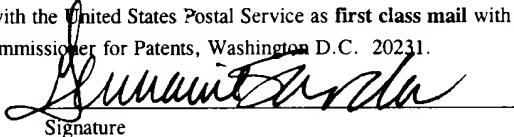
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of: Ethan Bier, Kweon Yu

Examiner: Romeo D.

Serial No.: 09/215,569

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For: PEPTIDE INHIBITOR OF TGF-BETA  
GROWTH FACTORS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2001, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the original disclosure with the amended disclosure submitted herewith. The amended disclosure is the same as the original disclosure except all of the "SEQ.ID.NO." have been changed to "SEQ ID NO:" in compliance with the Examiner's requirement.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim. A marked-up version of this claim is attached hereto as Appendix A.

1. (Amended) An isolated, purified or synthetic polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.